

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 16, 2007 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Leon Trachtman, Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Garnet Peck, Karen Springer and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Lee Booth and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council members Ann Hunt and Gil Satterly were also present. Also present was Mayor Jan Mills. Absent was Council member Gerry Keen.

Leon convened the Board at 4:30 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting. Paula motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- We have a fair amount of “others” to discuss, including discussion of the temporary firehouse planned for Cumberland Park Maintenance Barn. All of those will be discussed under old and new business, and other, later in the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- We have 36 teams registered for the Coed league and 8 teams for the Men’s league. League play will begin the week of May 7. The men will play on Monday and Wednesday, on Field # 2 north; the Coed league will play Monday through Thursday at Blessed Sacrament and fields 1 & 2, when not being used by the Men’s league or the Pony league. Pony league will play on Tuesday and Friday on field #1 south.
- Global Fest will be Saturday, September 1. We have received \$4,000, to date. Our goal is to raise \$11,500. I have applied for a grant from the Gannett Foundation, and will be applying for one with the Greater Lafayette Community Foundation.
- Entered summer programs on our web site.

Parks –Lee reported on the following:

- Inspections noted.
- Preparations for the pool are underway.
- Grass cutting season is beginning.
- Finishing the restrooms in Happy Hollow Park and Cumberland Park
- Happy Hollow Park and Cumberland Park restroom remodeling is complete.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- Over 4200 summer brochures were mailed to people on our mailing list. We are currently accepting City of West Lafayette residents’ registrations. Non-city resident’s registrations will be accepted on Tue., April 24. Open registrations will begin on Thursday, April 26.
- We are still accepting applications for summer employment of lifeguards and park maintenance positions.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- There are a few classes beginning this week and next that are still part of our Winter/Spring program. I have compiled our registration figures to this point, thinking we will not be getting many additional registrations. Our enrollment figures show an increase of enrollments of 1%.
- WALLA has completed their sessions. Everyone seemed very pleased with how things went during their session.
- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be held April 28 this year at the Loeb Playhouse at 4:00pm. I have tickets to the recital at Loeb if anyone would like a complimentary ticket.
- The Coalition for Living Well After 50 is holding Active Living Day at Riehle Plaza on Wednesday, May 16. It is done each year during the first Brown Bag luncheon. They include a few demonstrations. This year Joy McEwen is going to do a demonstration of Senior Fitness for Morton Community Center.

Old Business**Lincoln Park**

Joe reported that construction is underway, as of today, preparing the layout for the concrete that goes around the playground and provides the base of the shelter. Joe passed around the letter the Mayor sent out updating the progress of the park. Joe noted that we are working with Milestone Contractors on doing the concrete work.

Nighthawk Trail

Joe noted that Milestone Contractors would also be doing the scraping, stone, and asphalt work for Nighthawk Trail. Work will probably not begin until next month for this project. The stone and asphalt will be put down in the same quantity prices as part of the City Street Resurfacing program. This piece of trail is by the Sagamore Ridge Apartments to their old entryway off the exit ramp of S.R. 443. We will be doing additional landscaping along the entire trail.

Joe also noted that we received a check for \$9,150.00 from the Department of Natural Resources. We are being reimbursed the final amount for our stewardship at Celery Bog with assistance from the Heritage Trust Fund. The way that the fund works, when they agree to help (one parcel \$175,000, the other parcel \$350,000), there is always an additional 5% that is available for stewardship activity.

New Business**Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation re: Dancing in the Streets, Tapawingo Park**

Joe presented information received regarding the organization's request to waive the facility (Riverside Skating Center) rental fee. Discussion followed with the Park Board opposed to the request, noting the City's various other contributions to the event. Mike motioned to deny the request of waiving the rental fee for Riverside Skating Center for Dancing in the Streets. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Cub Scout Pack 3311 Request re: Model Rocket Launch, Cumberland Park

Joe presented information regarding a repeat request from Cub Scout Pack 3311 to launch model rockets on July 1, 2007, 6:00-8:00pm, using the soccer field at

Cumberland Park, noting the group is not in need of shelter use for their event. They will also provide us with a Certificate of Liability for their event.

Pony Baseball Request, Cumberland Park

Bob McCulloch presented a request, for future consideration, for the Park Board to consider converting the north most field to a Pony field, which would require resources to construct, fence, light, and maintain (including dugouts). Discussion followed. Mr. McCulloch thanked the Park Board for their time and consideration of the request.

Foster Care Walk-a-Thon Request

Joe noted a request originally received has been modified. The group, promoting foster care in this area, will now be using Happy Hollow Park, Shelter 1, May 5, 11:00am-1:00pm for a special event. They would like to do public service announcements to let people know that they will be having a free picnic lunch there, requesting R.S.V.P.'s for the event.

Garlic Mustard Pull

Joe noted the annual garlic mustard pull is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Anyone interested should be at the maintenance barn at 10:00am that morning. They will be working in Michaud-Sininger Woods.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

They are entering Phase III of the Superintendent search, hopeful to introduce a new superintendent by the end of the month. Golden Apple Awards will be this Thursday. Michelle Newton, Cumberland Elementary School, is a recipient this year.

Wabash River

Mike noted the Board did not meet.

Paula reported that the dragon boats used in previous years have been sold and the large dragon boats are not available. They are going to go with local history, and switch to north canoes, which will mean that only half as many paddlers will be needed as in the past. The canoes will only require ten paddlers, so they are hopeful there will be more local participants. The Parkway Commission was asked to contribute toward a sculpture and they would like more information. They are not sure how their role is going to develop with the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, noting it will be more of an educational awareness situation. They are holding onto their money for now, not committing an answer, either way, to a sculpture.

Joe noted the Transportation Enhancement Application for the Wabash Heritage Trail extension was submitted. Joe passed the application around for the board members to see the nice overview map. The Area Plan Commission submitted two applications, including one from Lafayette for funds to construct a Greenbush St. /Munger Park trail section. The West Lafayette application was rated first, primarily because it extends an Indiana Priority Visionary Trail in the new state trails plan, that being the Wabash Heritage Trail.

Joe also noted a recent news release went out about soliciting participants in this year's Art on the Wabash, September 16.

Other**West Lafayette Library Request**

Pennie presented a request from the West Lafayette Library that requests forty single pool pass admissions for their summer reading program. Garnet motioned to approve the request as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Cash/Change Fund and Petty Cash Fund

Chris presented a request to establish a Cash/Change Fund for \$150.00 for the Morton Dance Concert, a Cash/Change Fund for \$100.00 for the Municipal pool, and a Petty Cash Fund for \$150.00 for the Playground Program, all from the Nonreverting Operating Fund. All Funds will revert back no later than November 30, 2007.

Paula motioned to approve the Cash/Change Funds and Petty Cash Fund as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Joe and Lee met with a Purdue University group of students last week at Tapawingo Park. They gave us about a week to respond to a request to run a pet adoption promotion in Tapawingo Park this past Saturday. It seemed relatively benign, and they weren't going to have any dogs, only a couple of kitties in crates. Lee went by and they ended up staying 10:00am-4:00pm at Tapawingo Park. We are not sure if any adoptions were made, but the fact that they stayed during the cold weather warrants recognition in itself.

Joe provided additional information about the temporary fire station plans for the maintenance barn, showing the drawings that were used for the Redevelopment Commission meeting last Friday. The proposal is to try to provide the best solution for the City, and the funds of the Redevelopment Commission, which is to redo a section of the barn for their use until a new location for a new facility is established. Joe noted there would be a lease proposed at a future meeting regarding this project. Discussion followed.

Purchase Orders

N/A

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Paula motioned the meeting be adjourned. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary